



BOXFORD

Essex County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Boxford is a residential community in Essex County, approximately 25 miles north of Boston. The town is primarily rural in nature, and this character has been maintained by a minimum lot size of 2 acres, which has been unchanged since 1949. There are two Congregational Churches and two country stores in Boxford, which is the second largest town in the county. The Boxford Athletic Association manages several ball fields and a large swimming pond in the summer for children of all ages. The many trails running through the town make it popular with hikers and horse lovers.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Northeastern Massachusetts, bordered by North Andover on the west; Haverhill, Groveland, Georgetown, and Rowley on the north, Ipswich and Topsfield on the east, and Middleton on the south. Boxford is 11 miles east of Lawrence and 25 miles north of Boston.

Total Area: 24.56 sq. miles

Land Area: 23.97 sq. miles

Population: 6,266

Density: 261 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Middleton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.8°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.6°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.6"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

South Groveland, Georgetown, Salem

Regional Planning Agency

Merrimack Valley Region

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Lawrence



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 887-8181

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen
Executive Secretary
Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1685

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	4,270		
Democrats	493	11.5	%
Republicans	1,054	24.7	%
Other parties	1	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	2,722	63.7	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Boxford town, Essex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	7,921	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	7,921	100.0
Male.....	3,939	49.7	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	67	0.8
Female.....	3,982	50.3	Mexican.....	4	0.1
Under 5 years.....	589	7.4	Puerto Rican.....	18	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	754	9.5	Cuban.....	2	-
10 to 14 years.....	811	10.2	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	43	0.5
15 to 19 years.....	538	6.8	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	7,854	99.2
20 to 24 years.....	189	2.4	White alone.....	7,666	96.8
25 to 34 years.....	457	5.8	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	1,583	20.0	Total population.....	7,921	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,467	18.5	In households.....	7,921	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	503	6.4	Householder.....	2,568	32.4
60 to 64 years.....	290	3.7	Spouse.....	2,064	25.9
65 to 74 years.....	453	5.7	Child.....	2,977	37.6
75 to 84 years.....	230	2.9	Own child under 18 years.....	2,490	31.4
85 years and over.....	57	0.7	Other relatives.....	190	2.4
Median age (years).....	39.4	(X)	Under 18 years.....	50	0.6
18 years and over.....	5,370	67.8	Nonrelatives.....	132	1.7
Male.....	2,614	33.0	Unmarried partner.....	67	0.8
Female.....	2,756	34.8	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	5,183	65.4	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	897	11.3	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	740	9.3	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	351	4.4	Total households.....	2,568	100.0
Female.....	389	4.9	Family households (families).....	2,255	87.8
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	1,245	48.5
One race.....	7,870	99.4	Married-couple family.....	2,064	80.0
White.....	7,713	97.4	With own children under 18 years.....	1,139	44.4
Black or African American.....	27	0.3	Female householder, no husband present.....	153	6.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	9	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	88	3.4
Asian.....	96	1.2	Nonfamily households.....	313	12.2
Asian Indian.....	24	0.3	Householder living alone.....	248	9.7
Chinese.....	30	0.4	Householder 65 years and over.....	126	4.9
Filipino.....	4	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,276	49.7
Japanese.....	9	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	516	20.1
Korean.....	17	0.2	Average household size.....	3.08	(X)
Vietnamese.....	3	-	Average family size.....	3.32	(X)
Other Asian ¹	9	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	-	Total housing units.....	2,610	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	2	-	Occupied housing units.....	2,568	98.4
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	42	1.6
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	8	0.3
Some other race.....	23	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	51	0.6	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	4.1	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	2,568	100.0
White.....	7,760	98.0	Owner-occupied housing units.....	2,497	97.2
Black or African American.....	35	0.4	Renter-occupied housing units.....	71	2.8
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	16	0.2	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.11	(X)
Asian.....	126	1.6	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.18	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	-			
Some other race.....	34	0.4			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The development of transportation resources in the Merrimack Valley Region, where Boxford is situated, was shaped by the history of the region as a major site of American industrial development in the nineteenth century. The area has exceptionally good highway and rail facilities linking the major cities and towns to each other and to the port, airport, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are Interstate Route 95 and State Route 133.

Rail

Commuter rail service to North Station, Boston, is available from neighboring Haverill. Travel time: 63-68 minutes; no MBTA parking.

Bus

Boxford is a member of the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA) but does not receive services.

Other

The Lawrence Municipal Airport, a Reliever facility (RL) located in North Andover, is easily accessible. It has two asphalt runways 3,901' and 5,000' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision, non-precision. Flight Line offers bus service to Logan Airport and Manchester Airport.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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